

## THROUGH THE STATE.

NORFOLK NEWS--HAPPENINGS AT THE CITY BY THE SEA.

A Desperado Captured--Democrats Organize--Negro Leagues--Seawell's Point-Oyster Business.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

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The most desperado Bill Foreman, who cut the throat of the mulatto girl Julia Wilson in Portsmouth, and then butchered her body with a razor, was brought in about midnight last night by Officers Hoofnagle and Cherry. Foreman had taken refuge in the Dismal swamp and was captured near Wallaceton, on the Dismal-Swamp canal. The prisoner was brought before Mayor Baird this morning and sent on to court for trial. His victim is not yet dead.

DEMOCRATS ORGANIZING.

All five of the wards of this city have now organized Democratic clubs, and the party here is strongly organizing and getting in good trim for the campaign. There is great confidence and unusual enthusiasm in the party, one of the results probably of holding the Republican State Convention here, and some effective work may be expected in the struggle to overwhelm once more the Mahone hosts and save Virginia.

NEGRO LEAGUES.

The Malone hoopers continue hard at work in the county organizing the negroes into leagues and dubbing the leaders captains, lieutenants, and sergeants, with all the finery paraphernalia and cheap embellishments so dear to the negro heart. Few whites take part in the leagues. That part of the machine is specially intended to keep the dusky element of the black belt in line and prevent the possibility of straggling in the direction of the kickers.

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The defence put up a great many witnesses to testify to the character of Gooding, which appeared to have been up to that time very good.

In his closing argument the attorney for the defense attempted to prove temporary lunacy of the father, caused by his brooding too much over the alleged wrong done his daughter by her lover James. However, he did not succeed in doing this to the satisfaction of the jury, as is shown by their verdict. Gooding is a small man with a red beard, about thirty-six years of age, and does not look strong. He was tried on the charge of being a snake, preparations to be useless handled out the keys. Several of the men entered the jail and told the colored prisoners, all of whom were confined in one room, to pass John Turner out to them inside of five minutes, which they did. As he appeared he was shot twice, and as he fell the mob caught him by the feet and dragged him outside, where he was shot the third time. Still holding him by the feet they dragged him about half a mile in the direction of Seawell station, and after hanging him to a tree riddled his body with bullets.

The crime for which Turner suffered death was the unprovoked murder of Charles Walker, a saw-mill boss, at Bush Run, on July 4th, after which he was arrested and was carried to the hospital. He was lured to commit the crime, and was content that he had escaped the death penalty, which most people thought he deserved.

Richard Gooding is seventeen years of age and not bad looking, taking into consideration her station in life. During the time she was testifying against the life of her father she appeared perfectly calm and did not once weep, displaying no feeling whatever, except when she got mad because she was asked a question over again when she had answered it once. The wife of Gooding and mother of the girl had been dead for about six months, and since her death the family had lived peacefully together, he being a hard-working man and an industrious one, but sometimes in the habit of drinking too much.

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